

1552.211-80**COMPLIANCE WITH EPA POLICIES FOR INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (OCT 2000)**

(a) *Definition.* Information Resources Management (IRM) is defined as any planning, budgeting, organizing, directing, training, promoting, controlling, and managing activities associated with the burden, collection, creation, use and dissemination of information. IRM includes both information itself, and the management of information and related resources such as personnel, equipment, funds, and technology. Examples of these services include but are not limited to the following:

(1) The acquisition, creation, or modification of a computer program or automated data base for delivery to EPA or use by EPA or contractors operating EPA programs.

(2) The analysis of requirements for, study of the feasibility of, evaluation of alternatives for, or design and development of a computer program or automated data base for use by EPA or contractors operating EPA programs.

(3) Services that provide EPA personnel access to or use of computer or word processing equipment, software, or related services.

(4) Services that provide EPA personnel access to or use of: Data communications; electronic messaging services or capabilities; electronic bulletin boards, or other forms of electronic information dissemination; electronic record-keeping; or any other automated information services.

(b) *General.* The Contractor shall perform any IRM related work under this contract in accordance with the IRM policies, standards and procedures set forth in this clause and noted below. Upon receipt of a work request (i.e. delivery order or work assignment), the Contractor shall check this listing of directives (see paragraph (d) for electronic access). The applicable directives for performance of the work request are those in effect on the date of issuance of the work request.

(1) IRM Policies, Standards and Procedures. The 2100 Series (2100-2199) of the Agency's Directive System contains the majority of the Agency's IRM policies, standards and procedures.

(2) Groundwater Program IRM Requirement. A contractor performing any work related to collecting Groundwater data; or developing or enhancing data bases containing Groundwater quality data shall comply with *EPA Order 7500.1A—Minimum Set of Data Elements for Groundwater*.

(3) EPA Computing and Telecommunications Services. *The Enterprise Technology Services Division (ETSD) Operational Directives Manual* contains procedural information about the operation of the Agency's computing and telecommunications services. Contractors performing work for the Agency's National Computer Center or those who

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are developing systems which will be operating on the Agency's national platforms must comply with procedures established in the Manual. (This document may be found at: <http://basin.rtpnc.epa.gov/etsd/directives.nsf>).

(c) *Printed Documents.* Documents listed in (b)(1) and (b)(2) may be obtained from: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Administration Facilities Management and Services Division Distribution Section Mail Code: 3204 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460 Phone: (202) 260-5797

(d) Electronic access. A complete listing, including full text, of documents included in the 2100 Series of the Agency's Directive System is maintained on the EPA Public Access Server on the Internet at <http://epa.gov/docs/irmpol8/>.

(End of clause)

[56 FR 42236, Aug. 27, 1991, as amended at 61 FR 33693, June 28, 1996. Redesignated at 61 FR 57339, Nov. 6, 1996, as amended at 62 FR 33573, June 20, 1997; 65 FR 47325, Aug. 2, 2000; 65 FR 58924, Oct. 3, 2000; 66 FR 28674, May 24, 2001; 66 FR 34376, June 28, 2001; 67 FR 5072, Feb. 4, 2002]

1552.211-80 Data standards for the transmission of laboratory measurement results.

As prescribed in 1511.011-80, insert the following clause:

DATA STANDARDS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF LABORATORY MEASUREMENT RESULTS (OCT 2000)

This contract requires the transmission of environmental measurements to EPA. The transmission of environmental measurements shall be in accordance with the provisions of EPA Order 2180.2, dated December 10, 1987, which is incorporated by reference in this contract. Copies of the Order may be obtained by written request to: Office of Information Resources Management, Information Management and Systems Division, Mail Code (3404), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

(End of clause)

[65 FR 58925, Oct. 3, 2000]

1552.213-70 Notice to suppliers of equipment.

As prescribed in 1513.507(b), the Contracting Officer shall insert the following contract clause in orders for or lease of commercially available equipment.

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NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS OF EQUIPMENT (APR 1984)

(a) It is the general policy of the Environmental Protection Agency that Contractor or vendor prescribed leases or maintenance agreements for equipment will NOT be executed.

(b) Performance in accordance with the terms and conditions of the vendor's commercial lease, or customer service maintenance agreement, unless specified in the Schedule, may render the vendor's performance unacceptable, thereby permitting the Government to apply such contractual remedies as may be permitted by law, regulation, or the terms of this order.

(End of clause)

[49 FR 8867, Mar. 8, 1984; 49 FR 24734, June 15, 1984]

1552.214-71 Contract award—other factors—formal advertising.

As prescribed in 1514.201-6(b), insert the following solicitation provision in invitations for bids (IFB) when it is appropriate to describe other factors that will be used in evaluating bids for award. This provision is used to describe the other factors mentioned in the solicitation provisions "Contract Award—Formal Advertising" (FAR 52.214-10), and "Contract Award—Construction" (FAR 52.214-19). All other evaluation provisions in the IFB (e.g., evaluation of options) should be cross-referenced in this provision. The other factors set forth in the provision should represent a consolidated statement of the exact basis upon which bids will be evaluated for award.

CONTRACT AWARD—OTHER FACTORS—FORMAL ADVERTISING (APR 1984)

The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation as stated in the "Contract Award" provision. The other factors that will be considered are:

(End of provision)

1552.215-70 EPA source evaluation and selection procedures—negotiated procurements.

As prescribed in 1515.209(a), insert the following provision:

EPA SOURCE EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES—NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENTS (AUG 1999)

(a) The Government will perform source selection in accordance with FAR Part 15 and the EPA Source Evaluation and Selection Procedures in EPAAR Part 1515 (48 CFR Part 1515). The significant features of this procedure are:

(1) The Government will perform either cost analysis or price analysis of the offeror's cost/business proposal in accordance with FAR Parts 15 and 31, as appropriate. In addition, the Government will also evaluate proposals to determine contract cost or price realism.

Cost or price realism relates to an offeror's demonstrating that the proposed cost or price provides an adequate reflection of the offeror's understanding of the requirements of this solicitation, i.e., that the cost or price is not unrealistically low or unreasonably high.

(2) The Government will evaluate technical proposals as specified in 1552.215-71, Evaluation Factors for Award.

(b) In addition to evaluation of the previously discussed elements, the Government will consider in any award decision the responsibility factors set forth in FAR Part 9.

(End of provision)

[61 FR 47067, Sept. 6, 1996, as amended at 61 FR 57339, Nov. 6, 1996; 64 FR 47415, Aug. 31, 1999]

1552.215-71 Evaluation factors for award.

As prescribed in 1515.209(a), insert one of the following provisions.

EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD (AUG 1999)

(a) The Government will make award to the responsible offeror(s) whose offer conforms to the solicitation and is most advantageous to the Government cost or other factors considered. For this solicitation, all evaluation factors other than cost or price when combined are significantly more important than cost or price.

(b) Evaluation factors and significant sub-factors to determine quality of product or service:
